Anganwadi Centres sanctioned in Tribal ICDS Proejcts sanctioned upto 31.3.2005). Further expansion to increase the outreach of the Scheme to hitherto uncovered areas is also under active consideration of the Govemment. With these measures, toureach of the scheme would increase bringing more and more beneficiaries, including those in tribal areas, within the ambit of the scheme.

Implementation of Domestic Violence Act, 2005

545. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the protection of women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 has come into effect from October 25 this year;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that the Act is implemented effecitvely in various States recruiting the manpower to fulfil the Acts' requirements and holding campaigns to create awareness among the people; and

(c) how many cases have been registered so far in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (43 of 2005) has come into force on 26th October, 2006.

(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has advised all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to take immediate steps as per the Act to (i) appoint Protection Officer(s) in each district and provide them with necessary infrastructure; (ii) invite applications from service providers and register them after due verification; (iii) publish the names and address with telephone numbers of the Protection Officers and the service providers prominently in newspapers and put the information on the website of the State Government; and (iv) give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act.

(c) This information is not available in the reports received so far from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.